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## Text of Interrogation

### Radio Moscow Broadcasts Alleged Interview.

London, May 14 (AP)

Radio Moscow broadcast today extracts of what it called an interrogation of Francis G. Powers, American pilot of the U2 plane shot down May 1 over Russia.

The text as received in London by the British Broadcasting Corp:

Question: Is the accusation brought against you clear?

Answer: Yes it is.

Question: Do you plead guilty?

Answer: I plead guilty to the fact that I have flown over Soviet territory and over the points indicated on the chart, turned on and off the necessary controls of the special equipment mounted aboard my plane that I consider was being done with the aim of collecting intelligence information about the U.S.S.R.

Question: Tell us with more details what you plead guilty to.

Answer: In accordance with the contract which was signed by me with the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) of the U.S.A., I am pilot of the special air detachment of the U.S.A. dealing with the collection of information about operational radio stations and radar on the territory of the U.S.S.R. and, as I suppose, about locations of rockets. Our air detachment is permanently located at the U.S. Turkish air base, Incirlik, near Adana City, Turkey.

I have been serving in this detachment since August, 1956, and each year for several times flew in special high altitude plane U2 along the borders of the U.S.S.R. with Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan. Besides, in 1956-57 I performed three or four flights over the Black Sea without crossing the state borders of the U.S.S.R. It is

difficult for me to recollect the number of flights, but I flew repeatedly.

During these flights the special equipment mounted on my plane took bearings of the signals of Soviet radio stations and radar. In any case I will not say and cannot say exactly whether the equipment of my plane took the bearings of the mentioned stations and installations, as I am not familiar with the equipment and I was never told about the results of my work. Before such flights we were instructed and told over which points during the flight we should turn on and off the controls of the corresponding equipment.

Question: At what altitude did you fly when your plane was shot down?

Answer: At the altitude of 68,000 feet.

Question: What reward were you supposed to receive for today's flight?

Answer: None. I receive a salary of about \$2,400 per month for carrying those tasks which I have to fulfill. My today's task was to fly from Pakistan to Norway.

Question: Where do you serve?

Answer: From 1956 I served in the U.S. Air Force but at present I work at an American office.

Question: What is the name of the office.

Answer: This is a combination of civil aviation and Air Force service. All this is disguised and coded under the name of "Unit 1040."

Question: What are the tasks of this unit?

Answer: The main task of this unit is to locate the radio stations in action and the rocket launching sites.

Question: What is Col. (Shelton)?

Answer: He is commander of this unit.

Question: What sort of a unit is it?

Answer: It deals with the collection of military information.

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